

PART 5

BUYING PROPERTY FROM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT

The Federal Government sells large quantities of many kinds of real and personal property including critical and strategic materials which become surplus to its needs.

Surplus personal property normally is sold on a competitive bid basis to the highest acceptable bidder. Most sales are made by sealed bids solicited by the selling office. Some sales are effected by auction or by spot bid sales. Military surplus personal property is marketed by the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service. Civilian surplus personal property is sold by GSA personal property sales offices, each of which maintain its own bidders lists.

Surplus real property generally is advertised for sale by GSA on a competitive bid basis. Land and improvements held by the Departments of Defense, Agriculture, and Interior that have a value of less than \$1,000 are offered for sale by these Departments. Otherwise the sales are made through the GSA Real Property Sales Offices which widely publicizes scheduled sales.

DEFENSE REUTILIZATION AND MARKETING SERVICE

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service (**DRMS**) of the Defense logistics Agency is responsible for managing the Department of Defense (DoD) Government Sales Program. Excess personal property from U.S. military units is turned over to more than 190 Defense Reutilization and Marketing Offices (**DRMOs**) located on major military installations around the world. The property is first looked at for reutilization or reuse within DoD. When property cannot be reused, it is offered for transfer or donation to other Federal agencies and qualified state and local agencies. The remaining property is declared surplus and offered for sale to the public.

Property varies in type and value and includes tents, typewriters, computers, vehicles, aircraft components and accessories, engine accessories, office furniture and equipment, clothing, household paints and thinners, recyclable materials such as iron, aluminum, copper, paper, and much more. DRMS does not sell real estate.

DoD Government Surplus Sales are held at DRMOs which are designed similar to a local retail store where property is offered at a fixed price. All property is sold "As Is, Where Is." The method of payment is "cash and carry." The buyers pay for merchandise and remove the property at the time of sale.

National International Sales are conducted by the DRMS International Sales Office in Memphis, TN, and includes: international auctions; sealed bids, which allow bidders to enter their written bids during a specified time; and negotiated sales in certain circumstances. International sales include such items as aircraft, ships, hazardous property having wide commercial applications.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

To request the free booklet “How to Buy Surplus Personal Property from DoD”, which lists the DRMS regional offices worldwide and includes almost 20 categories of goods, call 1(800)-222-DRMS(3767).

If you are interested in local sales, call 1(800)-GOVT BUY to obtain the phone number of your nearest DRMO.

If you are interested in National/international sales, call 1 (800) -222 -DRMS(3767) or write the International Sales Office, 2163 Airways Blvd., Memphis, TN 38114-5211.

GSA PERSONAL PROPERTY SALES OFFICES

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia

Chief, Personal Property Program
470 L' Enfant Plaza, Room 8100
Washington, DC 20407
(202) 755-0290

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virgin Islands, and Wisconsin

Property Management Branch
41 West Peachtree Street
Atlanta, GA 30365-2550
(404) 331-5177

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas
Property Management Branch
819 Taylor Street
Fort Worth, TX 76102
(81 7) 334-2330

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, California, Colorado, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana Nevada, North Dakota, Northern Marianas, Oregon, South Dakota, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming

Property Management Branch
525 Market Street
Federal Supply Service, 9FBP
San Francisco, CA 94105
(415) 744-5228

GSA REAL PROPERTY SALES OFFICES

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont , Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana,, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota

Chief, Real Estate Sale Division
T. P. O'Neil Jr., Federal Building
100 Causeway Street
Boston, MA 02222
(617) 565-5700

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Alabama, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Virgin Islands, and West Virginia

Office of Real Estate Sales
401 W. Peachtree Street
Atlanta, GA 30365-2550
(404) 331-5133

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin

Director, Federal Property Resources
230 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, IL 60604
(312) 353-6045

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Utah, Wyoming

Director, Federal Property Resource Services
819 Taylor Street

Fort Worth, TX 76102
(817) 334-2331

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Arizona, California, Guam, Hawaii, Nevada, Washington, Nevada, Hawaii

Director, General Services Administration
Office of Real Estate Sales
525 Market Street
San Francisco, CA 94105
(415) 744-5952

AUBURN, WASHINGTON

Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington

Director, Business Services
GSA Center, Room 1004
400 15th St., SW
Auburn, WA 98001
(206) 931-7956